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SUNDAY BASE BALL HARANGUE KING LEGAL IN CAPITAL, IS COURT VERDICT

Justice Gould Holds Commissioners Had No Power to **Outlaw Sport.**

GAMES MAY BE PLAYED UNTIL CONGRESS FORBIDS

Decision Also Opens Way for Sunday Performances at Local Theaters.

APPEAL OF CASE IS LIKELY

Probable, But Waits for Board

Professional base ball may be played in the District of Columbia on Sunday, according to the decision of Justice Gould in the District Supreme Court today.

The justice, in effect, declared that there is no law in the District of Columbia forbidding the playing of base ball games at same as on any other day.

Asked for an Injunction.

The case was the one in which Samuel 8. Edmonston, jr., proprietor of the old Union League Base Ball Park, near 15th and II streets northeast, asked an injunction against the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Maj. Sylvester, superintendent of police; Assessor Richards and the District of Columbia, to nterference with a game of base duled to be played at the park the R. P. Andrews team of this the Baltimore Federal League

In effect, Justice Gould's decision was as follows:

"The situation in the District of Columbia in reference to its government is unique. I know of no other community placed in the same situation. The Constitution of the United States in its most explicit terms vests all legislative power over the District of Columbia in Congress. A very interesting question is, how far Congress can delegate power conferred by the Constitution to any person or body outside of Congress itself? In effect, Justice Gould's decision was

Powers Not That Broad.

construed to apply to the general laws regarding Sunday labor. Is it not better that when we have a Sunday law, it be passed by the body which has law, it be passed by the body which was legislative authority? I find no power granted broad enough to cover the act of the Commissioners in enacting this regulation. The joint resolution of 1892 says the Commissioners are authorized to make all such reasonable and usual e regulations. cannot believe that this ordinance

we are now considering is reason-It is an offense against the fourendment of the Constitution in unreasonable. I am not criti-Commissioners should discriminate as between moving pictures and base ball exhibitions. Attorney Baker declared that the question is whether or not, at the present time, there is any law in effect in the District of Columbia which prohibits the playing of a game of base ball the black of the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball the black of the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball is the playing of a game of base ball is the present time. at which an admission fee is charged on Sunday. He argued that there is no fee is charged on

Commissioners to prohibit certain forms of amusements, and to look with favor or others. He cited the celebrated Salmot case, which was brought to the attention of the Police Court in 1919, wherein Salmon was charged with violating the regulation in question. At that time he made a motion to quash the information on the grounds that the Commissioners had no power, and on the further ground that it did not apply to base ball played in the

At that time, he said, the court shared his opinion, the information was quashed and Attorney Baker laid particular stress on the fact that the corporation counsel, representing the Commissioners, did not bring the matter for final decision to the Court of Anneals.

Court of Appeals.
"Upon what theory." asked Attorney
Baker, "have the Commissioners of the
District of Columbia the right to step
into a realm of legislation in regard to
Sunday laws? Upon what theory can the Sunday laws? Upon what theory can the municipality say we are going to make this or that unlawful when Congress has never said it was unlawful? The regulation in question, he declared, was a regulation adopted without authority, and until Congress legislates on the subject and forbids the playing of base ball on Sunday the Commissioners are powerless in the matter.

Mr. Syme Opens Argument.

Corporation Counsel Syme opened the argument. He expressed doubt as to the right of the Commissioners to prevent Minday base ball under the police power of the District of Columbia. He thought, however, that the police regulation known 16 of article 16 is broad enough over base ball games on Sunday, the course of his argument Mr.

"I am willing to admit that the question is very doubtful as to whether under the terms of a joint resolution Congress intended to invest the Commissioners with the power of the regulation of the observance of Sunday in the District of Columbia. I for investigation of the content and the formal banquet at night, at which Prof. William Howster and Taft will be the toastmaster. servance of Sunday in the District of Co-lumbia. I feel justified in saying, how-ever, that in the presence of doubt upon in feeling that it was their duty municipalities upon this subject in the joint interest of good order and the pub-(Continued on Second Page.)

AND DAMAGE ART

land Resume Their Stirring Outbreaks.

QUEEN ALSO A TARGET OF VOTESEEKERS' SHAFTS

Wild Scenes Are Enacted in Court When "Wild Women" Are Arraigned.

LONDON, May 22.-King George and

tendants quickly rushed in and tried to get her out, but found that she was hained to the seat. They had to file through a link before she could be re-

theater started shouting at his majesty. One of them jumped on the stage and een thrown out others began

ejected. The police on duty outside had hard struggle to save them from rough andling by the hostile crowd.

The "wild women" of the Women's Social and Political Union, the militant suffragette organization, made two separate The turmoil of the battle in the vicinity which admission is charged, and that police regulations to the determination the battle in the vicinity of Buckingham Palace, where a column of determined women yesterday attempted to reach the king with a petition, had contrary notwithstanding, games a woman, armed with a loaded cane, ruinmay be played on Sunday the ed five masterpieces in the National Gal-

> Almost simultaneously another woma recked a picture hanging in the Royal Academy of Art. Both women were ar-

The perpetrator of the outrage at the Royal Academy when brought up at the police court gave the name of Mary Spencer. She was committed for trial at the sessions. Addressing the magistrate as a "bumptious old pontius pilate" the accused kept the proceedings lively with an abusive tirade.

accused kept the proceedings lively with an abusive tirade.

A little later the magistrate before whom were brought the fifty-sever women arrested in connection with yesterday's disturbance was compelled to suspend the proceedings because the ac

The pictures damaged at the Natio "Sts. John and Christopher Death of St. Peter," and "Christ's Agony

The painting gashed at the Royal Academy was "Primavera," by George Clau-

The academy was filled with a fashion able throng when a woman drew a butcher's cleaver which she had concealed in her clothing and dashed at the picture. Attendants at once seized her, and it was only the presence of the police which prevented her from being roughly handled by the Irate spectators.

Both women refused to give their names. The National Gallery vandal left names. The National Gallery vandal left wood."

Possession visitly withdrawn from the Commissioners the power of removal except for specified causes, notice and hearing were essential requisites to removal was passed without notice and hearing, it necessarily follows that their action constituted an arbitrary exercise of power and was yold."

Both women refused to give their names. The National Gallery vandal left a trail of blood behind her from cuts from broken glass. The National Gallery was immediately closed and all the stu-dents turned out dents turned out.

Disorder in Courtroom.

when the women arrested during yester- on the next day the Commissioner when the women arrested during yestercising the Commissioners in attempting
to enforce it; they did their duty until
it was up to the courts or Congress to
construe otherwise. I will continue the
injunction and issue a mandamus, if necessary, for the issuance of the license."

D. W. Baker, appearing for Samuel S.

D. W. Baker, app D. W. Baker, appearing for Samuel S. Edmonston. to whom the license had been refused to conduct base ball games on Sundays at the old Union League Park, saised the question as to why the Commissioners should discriminate as the signal for volleys of bags of flows tween months.

then sounded the "charge." This was
the signal for volleys of bags of flour
and other missiles to be thrown at the
magistrate. Sir John Dickinson.

Three policemen were required to prevent one of the prisoners from throwing
herself over the rail of the inclosure. Another woman removed her shoe and hurled
it at the head of the magistrate, who
caught it deftly in his extended hand.
When the magistrate suspended the hearing and ordered the court cleared there ing and ordered the court cleared there

Sunday. He argued that there is no such law in effect.

Salmon Case Is Cited.

He criticised severely the attempt of the court cleared there was a free fight.

Subsquently the women were again brought in. Most of them were bound over to keep the peace for six months, but they unanimously refused to find ureties.
Theophile O. Grandpre of Chicago, who
was knocked unconscious by a mounted

was knocked unconscious by a mounted policeman's horse during the suffragist raid on Buckingham Palace, told the police today that he was robbed of \$250 by two men who came to his assistance.

Fail to Destroy Mansion.

LEICESTER, England, May 22.-An attempt early today by militant suffragettes to burn Stoughton Hall, a picturesque At that time, he said, the court shared mansion here, was frustrated by the soninion, the information was quasted watchful and the court shared by the soninion. watchfulness of a passing gamekeeper He noticed a column of smoke rising takers, who extinguished the flames. A quantity of kerosene and inflammables was found, and there was suffrage literature scattered all about the grounds.

WESTERN YALE CLUBS MEET.

Eleventh Annual Session of Association Opens in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 22.-The clated Western Yale Clubs opened here oday. Five hundred delegates from various parts of the United States are here to attend the convention. The program included the reception of

visitors and a business meeting, at which was discussed "In What Respect Can the Western Association Be of the Greatest Benefit to Yale?" and "The Rejuvenation of Athletics." Social activities occupied the rest of the day.

The program for tomorrow includes a

Mexican Refugees Carry Smallpox. BISBEE, Ariz., May 22.-Smallpox was

KALBFUS OUSTER IS HELD ILLEGAL

Militant Suffragettes of Eng- District Court of Appeals Rules Against Action of Commissioners.

> OFFICE NEVER VACANT, JUSTICE ROBB HOLDS

> Attempted Appointment of Successor to Assistant Assessor Held to Be Mere Nullity.

Queen Mary were compelled to listen to an assistant assessor of the District of the harangue of a militant suffragette Columbia was illegal and vold and the this afternoon while they were attending attempted appointment of his successor woman rose in the stalls and began to of the District Court of Appeals rendered today. Justice Robb, speaking for the court, declared the office had never been relator has never been out of his office. but, in fact, he has been, and now is, being illegally excluded from it." Declaring mandamus to be the mos

women in different parts of the to his rights, the court directs that the trict Supreme Court be reversed and the remanded for further proceedings

Justice Barnard's Ruling.

Justice Barnard held that the Commis of a member of the board, and having icted within that discretion, the cour would not review the action.

Justice Robb sustains the contention of Attorney Frank J. Hogan for the as-sistant assessor that the oath of office taken before the assessor by one of his assistants is valid. Even if invalid, the court suggests, the Commissioners having allowed Mr. Kalbfus to serve under it

cording it and of determining the issues became requisite, the court holds, to the exercise of jurisdiction.

"The fact that the conduct of an official may have been the subject of inquiry," says Justice Robb, "before another tribunal does not relieve of its duty the tirbunal charged by law with according a bearing before removing him."

HOPE SOON TO SETTLE

Members of House Committee to Aid

in Straightening Existing

Tangle.

plaza awards matter will be taken after a

straighten out a tangle of legal techni-calities which the public buildings and

grounds committee discovered yesterday! The committee is composed of Repre

Conference Set for Monday.

awards. That, Representative Post today, will remain in the legislation.

Resolution Corrects Errors.

errors in the previous resolutions intro

Competition for

2d Place Only

The extraordinary concen-

tration in advertising in The

Star is due to a like concen-

tration of the public in read-

Again yesterday The Star

printed more advertising

than all of its competitors

Advertising Figures

Local Display

2d Newspaper

3d Newspaper

Excess of Star Over 3

Combined 7,232

Advertising in The Star

at one cost sells the most

goods, because The Star has

ing The Star.

combined.

duced by him.

The technical and legal tangle con

ecessary to try Kalbfus, since a com nittee of Congress had found that he had engaged in real estate speculation

member of the board of assessors.
Without passing on the right of the Without passing on the right of the present beard of Commissioners to review the finding of their predecessors, the court declares it is certain they had no power to review that finding without notice to Mr. Kalbfus. This could no more be done, the court suggests, than could the former board, after two years had elapsed, have reopened the case and reversed their finding without notice to

im.
"When the defendants passed their orer of removal," continues Justice Robb,

Refused to Resign.

August 18 last Mr. Kalbfus received a letter from the Commissioners offering him an opportunity to resign from the The scenes at Bow street police court service of the District. He declined and stood ready to perform the functions of the office if not prevented. The proffer to return to work was ignored and Mr. Kalbfus had recourse to the courts. It is considered probable in view of today's decision that Mr. Kalbfus will be entitled to pay for the time he has been excluded from the office. The court holds the office has never been vacant and that Mr. Kalbfus has been both in law and fact a member of the board of

Newman Declines to Comment.

Commissioner Newman was informed of The Star. He declined to comment on I until he has seen a copy of Justice Robb' ruling. The Commissioner said that he would probably call a meeting of the full would probably can a meeting of the far-board of District heads late this after-noon or early tomorrow for the purpose of considering what action will be taken in the matter. The office of the assessor of the District is under Commissioner Newman's personal supervision.

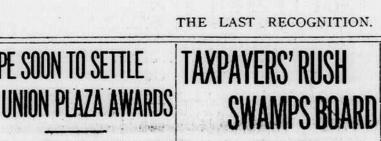
GEN. SICKLE ESTATE SMALL. Three Grandchildren Are Named

Beneficiaries Under Will. NEW YORK, May 22.- The will of the late Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, which was read yesterday at the Sickles residence, named as his heirs three of his grandchildren-Daniel E. Sickles, ten rears old, son of Stanton Sickles; Chrisophersen Crackenthorpe, thirteen years old, and Ida Blanche Crackenthorpe, eleven, children of Mrs. Ida Sickles Crackenthorpe, whose husband is con-

nected with the British consular service A legacy of \$5,000 was left to Gen. Horatio King, and smaller legacies to The value of the estate, according to the attorney for the late general, would be small. The only property owned by the general at the time of his death was his home in lower 5th avenue and argulact this were two mortgages. against this were two mortgages. Gen. Sickles inherited most of the large fortune left by his father, who at one time owned practically all of New Rochelle, owned practically all of New Rochelle, N. Y. It was estimated at about \$5,000,000, but dwindled to nothing in un-

ortunate speculations. To Plow Up Old Race Track.

EMERYVILLE, Cal., May 22.-Mery ville track, where racing made its las stand, is to be plowed up and converted reported today to have broken out in the Mexican quarters of the city. The disease was brought here by federal sympathizers recently deported from Sonoro, according to city authorities. into a tract for homes, if plans favored



Citizens Seek Their New Tax Ratings and File Their Protests.

ASSESSOR RICHARDS

tative Burnett of Alabama, ranking nber of the public buildings and unds committee; Representative Logue Pennsylvania, Representative Summers All Appeals Must Hereafter Be in Pennsylvania, Representative Summers
Texas and Representative Barton of Writing-Many Reductions in Sight.

It will endeavor to confer with Presi With scores of persons applying for in dent Wilson and Attorney General Mc rmation as to ratings on their property Reynolds Monday in order to report to under the new triennial assessment. the full committee Tuesday or Wednes of the board of equalization and review today found themselves utterly The subjects to be discussed, it is un mable to cope with the situation with derstood, do not include the general fundamental principles of the proposal to report out legislation for the relief of the property owners who have been derespect to the handling of oral appeals.

Assessor William P. Richards ansaid today he is convinced of the necession of the hereafter until the close sity for a new system of retirement. the property owners because of ob-prived of their money because of ob-fections to certain other property owners' sections to certain other property owners' of the appeal period, Monday, June 1, property owners will be required to submit all protests in writing. This deci-sion, he explained, was made necessary by congested conditions in his office Mr. Post introduced a third resolution on the subject today, correcting certain

ment books. Many of those who called at the office both yesterday and today sought to obtain the new ratings and to file appeals the status of condemnation suits, whether or not the condemnation under consideration has been legally completed, etc. It is at the same time. This not only led to confusion, but so delayed the work of cleared away with speed after the the office that it became apparent that the limited time remaining in the appeal period, would be insufficient for the board to hear orally all protests which owners might desire to make.

Should Reveal Offers. In submitting written appeals owner

hould set forth the amounts which have been offered for their property and othe data that would tend to show its true value, the assessor stated. Writers of the communications will be summoned be fore the board later, if there are any points which the assessors desire to have cleared up. In many sections of the city prac

tically no changes have been made in the new assessment, Mr. Richards said. For example, the northeast, southeast and southwest sections of the city proper carry the same assessment figures as at present, with the exception of certain Iterations in the ratings on corner prep-

Changes were made all over the coun ty and in three-fourths of these cases appeals already have been submitted. Georgetown was not disturbed with the exception of changes mainly in the case of business properties on K and M The Evening Star . . 25,085

May Reduce Amounts. It is stated that the board, in making

its equalizations, will, in all probability, 6.026 reduce the amounts now carried on much of the residential property of George 4th Newspaper . . . 5,236 town. In the section between 7th and 14th Total 17.853

streets, north of Massachusetts avenue no increases are recorded. Some reductions were made in this section and others are in view.

The same is true of the area west of 20th street and south of M street in the ity limits.

Bloomingdale and Le Droit Park are sections in which no changes have

other sections in which no changes have been recorded.

It was stated by officials of the assessor's office today a majority of those who requested information during the last two days as to the new ratings have found that the amounts assessed against them are the same as at present.

NAVAL PLUCKING BOARD IS SEVERELY CRITICISED

Representative Britten Convinced New Retirement System Is Necessary.

board was made today by Representative Britten of Illinois, member of the House same time introduced a bill for the com-

ment made by Mr. Britten he quotes Admiral Dewey, president of the general poard of the navy, as saying the present retirement system is replete with errors. In place of the plucking board Representative Britten proposes a retirement system for the least efficient line officers of the navy, to be controlled by the Secretary of the Navy, who is empowered to retire officers only on their records from the time they leave Annapolis. The bill is framed on the theory that many efficient officers have been ill-treated by the plucking board. Mr. Britten, who heard some of the testimony in the Capt. Templin Potts case, and the re-cent testimony in the Capt. Rust case, said today he is convinced of the neces-

Dewey Opposes Present System.

Mr. Britten said: "Admiral Dewey told me last Wednesday that the present system of retireresulting from the eleventh hour rush ment was wrong and should be improvof taxpayers to ascertain the amounts ed. and that the plucking board is now ecorded against them in the new assess- each year retiring able and efficient officers capable of giving the country many years more of valuable service, but that

Secretary Daniels has just appointed Rear Admirals Southerland, Knight, Mc-Lean, Caperton and Reynolds to compose the plucking board for this year, and it is their duty to select for retirement fifteen officers now in the navy between the ranks of lieutenant and captain and many

EDMUND GERSON DEAD. Was One of the Pioneer Theatrical

Men of the Country.

NEW YORK, May 22.-Edmund Gerson ne of the pioneer theatrical men of thi country, died yesterday at his home, here. Mr. Gerson, who was sixty-six years of age, was the manager in the early eighties of the original "Black Crook" company produced by Kiralfy, and toured the SERIOUS FOREST FIRES country with that organization and with "Around the World in Eighty Days" and Michael Strogoff." He brought Car-Michael Strogoff." He brought C mencita to this country, and that dan-created a sensation at the old Koster Bial's music hall.

Liner Baltic in Collision.

LIVERPOOL, May 22.-The White Star iner Baltic, which sailed yesterday for New York, collided today with the steam er Clarriel off Holyhead. The liner did not suffer any damage and proceeded on her voyage to New York. The Clarrie was only slightly damaged.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Met at 11 a.m.

Resumed tolls exemption debate. Bill to create aviation section in army signal corps approved by military affairs committee. House: Met at 11 a.m.

Interstate trade commission bill again considered under five-minute

BECKER'S FATE NOW | MEDIATORS AWAIT

Verdict in Celebrated Murder Exact Purpose of Constitu-Case Expected Within a Few Hours.

LIFE OF EX-POLICEMAN **DEMANDED BY WHITMAN**

Jurors Instructed by Court That Both American and Mexican Spokes-They Shall Not Ignore Circumstantial Evidence.

Charles Becker, on trial for the seco time for instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, was given into the hands of the jury at 12:52 o'clock this afternoon. upreme Court Justice Seabury had been nearly three hours in delivering his much interest today some definite word charge, Justice Scabury began his charge

at 10 o'clock this morning.

Becker appeared in court a few mir sat at the side of the room.

"This defendant," began Justice Sea oury, "is charged with murder in the irst degree. The people do not claim that he fired the shot that killed Rosenthal, but they charge him with procur

Guilt of the Plotter.

"If this defendant, as a lieutenant o that he be convicted and punished being sentenced to death. But he must

der to show that in law a man who pro ier is to be considered a principal. directly or indirectly procured the mur-

"The state has introduced both direct does not act upon circumstantial evidence alone. It does act, however, when some direct evidence is introducd. Jurors should not disregard circumstantial evidence simply because it is such."

The charge was worded with scrupulous care. Time and again Justice Seabury told the grave audience in the jury box

told the grave audience in the jury box about contradictory evidence. "Yours is to decide which you shall believe. Justice does not require a victim. If this defendant is innocent it would be terrible to find him guilty because of any prejudice that might be held against him. But you must not allow your judgment to be influenced by any sympathy."

The jury sat in silence while the usual motions for dismissal of the case were made and then hied quietly to their room. Becker went back to his cell in the Tombs and his wife went to luncheon at a nearby restaurant.

Tombs and his wife went to function at a nearby restaurant.

The jury made no attempt to begin deliberations at once. In the custody of court officers the twelve men went to luncheon at an uptown hotel.

Early Verdict Is Expected.

quick verdict was expected, many who have followed the course of the trial

Nineteen months ago it took the jury guilty. This was set aside by the court of appeals, necessitating the present trial. Mexicans. He took a prominent

for the death of a man on trial ever heard in the criminal courts building. The crush to hear the closing arguments was not exceeded even when Evelyn Thaw Harry Thaw for the murder of Stanford

Wants the "Big Criminal."

District Attorney Whitman spoke for three hours at the night session, taking out of the mouth of "Jack" Sullivan, witness for the defense whom Mr. Man ton had lauded as a man deserving of the jury's commendation, the words of his testimony that "Whitman wants want Becker. I want the big criminal want the man back of it all. I want the man who inspired and engineered this whole monstrous crime."
Sullivan, sometimes known as the "king of newsboys," whose real name is Jacob Reich, then came in for a scathing denunciation at the hands of the district

attorney criticised the killing of Rosen-thal with dramatic emphasis. "The crack of those pistols in 43rd street was a defiance of our American institutions," he declared, "and the bullets from those pistols hissed a chal-lenge to our civilization."

RAGING IN WASHINGTON

Warm Weather, Absence of Rain and Brisk Winds Cause of Grave

Conditions.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 22-Warn

veather, absence of rain and brisk winds have led to a serious forest fire situation in this state. Twenty fires are burning practically none is listed as under con trol and the dreaded crown fire, which kills timber as it progresses, is running through trees in Lewis county, having started at Independence. State Forester Ferris has ordered out all western Washington county fire wardens. Hundreds of fire fighters already are in the field for the Washington forest fire association the state and federal authorities. A bad fire on the North Palix, Pacific county, was reported Four fires in the Humptulips district and one near the

IN HANDS OF JURY CARRANZA'S ENVOY

tionalist Delegate to Peace Conference Unknown.

MUCH INTEREST EVINCED IN LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT

men Express Encouragement Over Outlook.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario, May 22,-Confronted with the announcement from Washington that the constitutionalists were planning to send a representative ican and Mexican delegates awaited with

Until the exact purposes of a constitutionalist representative here are officially be admitted into the negotiations A midnight conference of the

cussed various possibilities in this conection, but no conclusion was under stood to have been reached in view of the absence of definite information. were in communication with Washi conferences were planned for today ject to regular sch was expected to develop further conver

The possible entry of constitutionalists just what basis the constitutionalist emis three South American diplomats occa sioned much interest among the princi-mstantial evi-uch."

th scrupulous stice Seabury it was confidently expected that before any emissarles would come here some

Many constitutionalists of prominence have long realized the value to them of having a man on the ground where the destinies of the southern republic are being discussed in a forum commanding world-wide attention. This fact is known to the mediators, who, however, are most curious to learn whether Gen. Carranza has authorized the sending of a representation. has authorized the sending of a repre-sentative here and under what circum-

Jose Vasconcelos, mentioned as the eight nours to reach its verdict of man who would represent the constitu tionalists, is well known to many of the In the trial now drawing to a close the the Madero revolution, being confidential state put thirty-three witnesses on the agent at one time in Washington. He is stand to establish the guilt of Becker; the defense produced twenty-six to controvert this evidence. Becker did not appear on the stand, having been dissected from the stand, having been dissected from the stand to establish the guilt of Becker and the stand to establish the guilt of Becker in the United States for the past few months looking after the interests of the constitutionalist cause and is

appear on the stand, having been dissuaded from testifying by his counsel.
A prominent witness for the state at
the first trial who did not appear this
time was Sam Schepps, whose testimany was discredited in the court of
appeals opinion reversing the verdict of
guilty.

The trial was brought to a close last
night, so far as the defense and prosecution was concerned, with two of the
covering, it is said, the consideration covering, it is said, the consideration first of all of the series of incidents

first of all of the series of incidents growing out of the arrest at Tampics of American bluejackets.

While it is realized that the United States will demand reparation for the Tampico and subsequent incidents, it is believed here that the substitution for Huerta of a new government capable of observing international obligations would be acceptable to the Washington government. The selection of the blue jacket incident

at Tampico as the starting point for the discussion is in line with the emphasis placed by the mediators on the purposes Delegates Express Encouragement. The mediators had their first opportunity yesterday to learn the character of the powers held by the Mexican com dissioners, but until disclosed by the

conference it probably will not be known exactly under what conditions Gen. Huerta will retire. Both the Mexican and American repreentatives expressed encouragement over what appeared to them smooth progress thus far. No hitch has occurred, said. The mediators have been chiefly exchanging ideas and getting the view point of the delegates. They will con-tinue in this manner until a point is reached where benefits might come from a full conference, such as was inaugu-

a full conference, such as was inaugu-rated at the first formal session yester The session with the Mexican delegates yesterday morning was held at the request of the mediators, but the conference in the afternoon with the Americans came about as a result of a formal call by the latter on Minister Suarez. The American commissioners incidentally told Minister Suarez that they had received word from President Wilson since the talk Wednesday night, and Ambassador Da Gama and Minister Naon were summoned by Mr. Suarez. The conference lasted nearly an hour. The session with the Mexican delegates

It was generally understood afterward that the procedure mapped out by the mediators has been approved at Washington.

Last night the mediators and Americans

and Mexican delegates were guests
Martin Burrell, Canadian minister
agriculture, who gave an official din
to the visitors on behalf of the Canadi **President and Cabinet Get Reports From Conference of**

Mediators at Niagara Falls

President Wilson discussed with the abinet today the reports received from American Commissioners Lamar and Lehmann at the Niagara Falls mediation conference. As the cabinet members as-

Thurston county lines were reported from Chehalis county. Clallam county report-ed fires near Solduca and Gettysburg. practically double the circurule with prospect of passage besembled for the regular semi-weakly lation in Washington of any numerous fires are burning, the worst being near Gold Bar and Skykomia. meeting all of them reiterated expressions other newspaper.